

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mark Stevenson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other Supervisors present were Barbara Spencer, Andy Merritt, Todd Kirsten and Ben Pisoni. Staff present were Susan Steele, Township Manager; D.J. Liggett, CRPA and Brett Laird, Accounts Payable/Receivable. Residents & others in attendance: Virginia Squier, Schlow Library Representative for Halfmoon Township; Pam Adams, CRCOG Refuse and Joanne Schaeffer, Centre County Solid Waste.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

4. MINUTES

- ***MOTION: Mr. Kirsten moved to approve the meeting minutes of February 27th, 2014; Mr. Pisoni seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.***

5. BILLS LIST

- ***MOTION: Mr. Kirsten moved to approve the Bills List dated March 13th, 2014; Mr. Pisoni seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.***

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

- ***MOTION: Mr. Kirsten moved to approve the Treasurer's Report dated March 13th, 2014 for the month of January 2014; Ms. Spencer seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.***

7. INTRODUCTION OF ACCOUNTS/PAYABLE/RECEIVABLE/PAYROLL CLERK

Ms. Steele introduced Mr. Brett Laird as the Accounts Payable/Receivable/Payroll Clerk and stated he has been doing a wonderful job. Mr. Laird has helped the Township Office go paperless by scanning in septic and subdivision files. Mr. Merritt questioned if there was a way to track the amount of paper the Township is saving by going paperless. Ms. Steele stated there is a definite savings in the amount of paper being used just based on discussions with Xerox who stated they could save the Township monies based on the decrease already in the amount of copies. Ms. Steele stated she is looking at a new copier that will be cheaper than the current copier but is an upgrade and those costs savings are due to the decrease of copies.

8. PRESENTATION BY HALFMOON TOWNSHIP SCHLOW LIBRARY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE, VIRGINIA SQUIER

Ms. Squier presented a power point reviewing the new website for Schlow Library that makes the website cleaner and easier to access. Ms. Squier reviewed new parking lot requirements and usage statics. Ms. Squier explained what the bookmobile offers and the schedule for Halfmoon Township. Ms. Squier stated Schlow Library provides Halfmoon Township with two remote book drops, increased e-book purchases, website design for ease of audio book downloading and a summer library program for children. Ms. Squier stated she would like to take any ideas back to the library board. The Board thanked Ms. Squier.

9. PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE MOTION TO APPROVE HALFMOON TOWNSHIP BECOMING PART OF COG REFUSE PROGRAM

Ms. Adams reviewed a letter that was written to the Board of Supervisors regarding the Centre Region COG Refuse program. Ms. Adams explained that the contracted hauler that gets the contract gets to set the price. Right now the price is \$15.72 for unlimited service per month that is billed quarterly. Ms. Steele questioned whether there would be staffing issues due to residents calling with problems or questions about the hauler. Ms. Adams stated that residents will call the township at first but once they get used to it they will either contact the hauler or herself. Mr. Stevenson questioned when Ms. Adams needed an answer. Ms. Adams stated the request for bid goes out May 1 so she would need to know prior to that date. Ms. Spencer verified that everyone will be required to use this hauler and have trash collection? Ms. Adams stated only residential properties are required

to use the contracted hauler and that commercial properties and farms over 10 acres may choose their refuse hauler. Ms. Adams explained that the Township would need to put an Ordinance in place that would require trash collection for each household within the township. Ms. Schaffer stated Carson Sanitation covers more than ½ of Halfmoon Township. Ms. Steele stated by State Law populations over 5,000 are required to have organic waste pick up and inquired whether this is part of the contract. Ms. Adams stated an Ad Hoc Committee has been formed to look at organic waste collection and it may be in the next contract. Ms. Schaffer commented that Halfmoon Township has about 900 households and ½ have Carson Sanitation and not all households have trash haulers. Ms. Schaffer stated that Halfmoon Township has had 15 illegal dumps over the last 5 years and there were 70 volunteer hours to clean these dumps up. Ms. Spencer stated the citizens that are dumping illegally should be ashamed of themselves and is concerned that Halfmoon Township is the top dumper due to someone not wanting to pay a bill to have their trash collected. Ms. Steele questioned how the Centre County Transfer Station takes care of illegal dumping compared to what Halfmoon Township does. Both entities cite the offender. Ms. Spencer stated she supported the community in not mandating them to have a hauler and wondered if the question could be on the ballot on the next election to see if majority rules. Mr. Pisoni questioned whether these were old dumps that were being discussed and questioned whether there were active illegal dumps. Ms. Schaffer responded that there are active dumps but was not prepared to discuss the locations. Mr. Stevenson questioned what the consequences were to the illegal dumper. Ms. Schaffer stated Mr. Fye would cite the perpetrator. Ms. Steele commented the Township would also cite the perpetrator. Ms. Schaffer commented that Spring Township passed an Ordinance that required all residents to have garbage collection and recycling but still allows them to pick their hauler. Ms. Schaffer suggested a survey to see what interest there is in the refuse program. Ms. Adams stated there are 2 riff raff days a year. Mr. Pisoni stated he has Carson Sanitation and they take anything anyway. Mr. Merritt stated the Board should give residents the opportunity to pay a lower rate and he pays \$78.00 a quarter. Mr. Pisoni stated Mr. Merritt could switch companies and get a cheaper rate. Mr. Pisoni stated Halfmoon Township residents a very good at recycling. Ms. Schaffer agreed. The Board thanked Ms. Adams and Ms. Schaffer.

10. PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE MOTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT ON FIRE FINANCES BETWEEN UPPER BALD EAGLE HALFMOON COG AND PORT MATILDA FIRE COMPANY

This agenda items was tabled until the next meeting.

11. RIFF RAFF DAYS FOR MAY 16TH AND MAY 17TH, 2014

- ***MOTION: Mr. Kirsten moved to approve Riff Raff days for May 16th & 17th, 2014; Ms. Spencer seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.***

12. MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Steele reviewed her report with the Board.

13. SUPERVISORS' REPORT

Mr. Merritt reminded citizens to fill out the Port Matilda EMS membership forms and support the EMS.

Mr. Stevenson stated there is a meeting set up with some developers at the eastern end of the Township to discuss the possibility of a new municipal building.

Mr. Kirsten stated Centre Region COG will be taking over its own finances in 2015 and the Finance Committee is getting closer to finding the finance software. Mr. Kirsten stated the Finance Committee is also continuing discussions on contingency funds and fund balance policy.

Mr. Pisoni stated the Public Service Committee received a request for code services for the Bellefonte Borough and the committee agreed to look into the request. Mr. Pisoni stated he has thought about the CATA service and suggested that staff look into the cost of contracting a private company to bring a van out and operate it like a shuttle service. Mr. Merritt commented it may be more expensive. Mr. Merritt stated that they also received some compliments that the Board decided to keep CATA service. Mr. Stevenson questioned why CATA cannot use a CATA van instead of the big bus. Ms. Steele commented there may be some insurance issues with Mr. Pisoni's idea but will look into his request.

Secretary

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

- ***MOTION: Ms. Spencer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.; Mr. Kirsten seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.***

Secretary